

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 2, 1998

Present: Weaver, Bendall, Dumond, Dvorak, Reid, Williams.

Absent: Greiger (arrived at 7:19 p.m. excused).

Guests: Lisa Hitchcock, City Manager; Chief Mark Hetfield, Police Department; Gary Schooley, Director of Parks & Recreation; Tom Svrcek, Director of Public Works; Jackie Leone, Argus Press; Merilee Lawson; Carol Spaniola; Judy Horton; Carol Vaughn, Owosso-Corunna Chamber of Commerce; Kathy Svrcek-Hetfield; Joe Williams, Sr.; Janet Washburn; Mike Crawford, AfterHours Design; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Weaver at 7:06 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Bendall moved, Williams seconded to approve the February 17, 1998 Regular Council Minutes as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Bendall, Dvorak, Dumond, Williams.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of Item No. 3) Consider Appointments and Item No. 4) Closed Session – Labor Negotiations.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Williams, Bendall, Dumond, Dvorak, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dvorak, Dumond, Williams, Reid, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Greiger arrived at 7:19 p.m.

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Kathy Svrcek-Hetfield updated council on the playscape project. She advised council \$35,000 to \$39,000 has been raised to date. She further advised several fundraisers have been planned. She explained the Las Vegas Night & Raffle on March 28 has the potential to raise approximately \$10,000. Ms. Hetfield asked council to sell raffle tickets. She advised volunteers are needed to build the playscape, and asked council to give Gary Schooley the names of anyone who would be able to help. She also advised a pancake breakfast has been scheduled for the first Saturday of every month at the Casino. In addition, a pop can drive is underway. She encouraged everyone to donate their empty pop cans.

CAROL VAUGHN – CHAMBER UPDATE: Carol Vaughn passed out information and thanked council for their membership and support. She advised the Chamber has begun focusing on product, program and services that are of a regional nature. She further advised Shianet has 2,600 members. She also advised Leadership Shiawassee is another program the Chamber is working on. Ms. Vaughn advised the community has a Convention and Visitors Bureau. Shiawassee County was one of two counties who did not have a CVB. She further advised the CVB is a separate entity from the Chamber of Commerce, and they have their own Board of Directors. Mayor Weaver thanked Ms. Vaughn for her presentation.

CITY LOGO: Mayor Weaver advised the city logo was approved at the last meeting, but he asked to have this item added to the agenda to take another look at it since considerable input has been received since the last meeting. He further advised he met with Mr. Crawford and Ms. Hitchcock to review the situation. Mayor Weaver asked for a motion to authorize further development of the logo due to the input received since the last meeting. Bendall moved, Dvorak seconded to authorize AfterHours Design up to ten hours at the contracted rate of \$50.00 per hour to enhance the logo as per the original bid. Councilperson Williams asked what kind of enhancement council was asking for. Mayor Weaver stated the word structure was acceptable, but people were asking to have some type of a visual design added to it. Councilperson Dumond stated he was asked why there is a big A on the end of Corunna. Ms. Hitchcock advised to balance the design. Councilperson Greiger advised she voted no at the last meeting because she wanted to see a logo that said “this is Corunna” when it is looked at. The logo presented was very good, but she wanted the city to set apart from other cities. Councilperson Dumond stated council’s original intention was to stay away from the county buildings, but the clock on the courthouse is what you see when you enter Corunna. Councilperson Williams stated he thought council made it very clear that the park and dam should be featured as part of the logo. He further stated now there is a contractual hourly rate of \$50 to have Mr. Crawford do what council wanted him to do in the first place. Mayor Weaver advised AfterHours Design made two presentations to council. Council took a look at what he created, and a motion was made and approved at the last meeting to accept the design that was presented. Therefore, he has a right to expect us to follow through with his original contract. Mayor Weaver further advised due to the additional input that was received since the original motion was made and approved, the city needs to go a step further. Councilperson Williams asked if the city is paying AfterHours Design for the work that was done, and additional money to do the work council asked him to do in the first place. Mayor Weaver advised council approved \$1,500

for the presentation approved previously. He further advised the motion before council is to authorize additional expenses to have the design modified. Councilperson Dvorak stated it was his understanding that the letterhead is going to stay the same and just the seal is changing. Mayor Weaver stated the seal design could be changed, but people want to see some type of visual added to the letterhead in addition to the lettering. Councilperson Dvorak stated if he had any indication the community and council as a whole were not in line with the design, he would have voted differently. He further stated council is reconsidering something that could have been done the first time.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Dvorak, Bendall, Reid, Greiger.

No: Williams.

Motion CARRIED

Mr. Crawford stated he would now proceed with developing some other options incorporating a building structure with the typography. Councilperson Dvorak asked if time is of the essence in developing the logo. Ms. Hitchcock stated no.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS: Bendall moved, Williams seconded to appoint Beth Greiger to the Historical Commission to replace Martin Reid; to appoint Deborah Bendall as alternate to the Airport Board; to appoint Joe Williams as alternate to the Mid-County Planning; to appoint Tom Svrcek as alternate to the Owosso Mid-Shiawassee County WWTP Review Board; to appoint Beth Greiger as alternate to the Ambulance Board.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Reid, Dvorak, Greiger, Williams, Bendall, Dumond.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

Dumond moved, Williams seconded to appoint Charles Stuart to the Library Board to replace Lillian Olmsted, term to expire December 31, 1999; to appoint Lois Klink to the Library Board to replace Keith Elkins, term to expire December 31, 2000; to appoint Judith Horton to the Historical Commission to replace Bill Washburn, term to expire December 31, 1998; to appoint Linda Mason to the Historical Commission to replace Theresa Bush, term to expire December 31, 1999.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Bendall, Greiger, Reid, Dumond, Williams, Dvorak.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION – CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: Bendall moved, Dvorak seconded to leave regular session and go into closed session for contract negotiations.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Williams, Bendall, Dumond, Greiger, Dvorak, Reid.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:50 p.m.

Dumond moved, Bendall seconded to leave closed session and return to regular session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dvorak, Dumond, Williams, Reid, Greiger, Bendall.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:10 p.m.

No action was taken during closed session.

PRE-COUNCIL: Councilperson Dumond advised the Airport Board is considering having an open house to attract attention to the airport. Jack Davis informed the board that Corunna is trying to raise funds for the Fourth of July, and he suggested coordinating something to help with the fundraiser.

Mayor Weaver advised he met with Jack Davis, John Bendall & Clare Walter and they asked Team 21 to endorse the Fourth of July Fireworks. Team 21 tabled a decision until the Executive Committee could meet. Mayor Weaver further advised the Executive Committee met and agreed to endorse the event. He also advised he had a discussion with one of the local newspapers about a project that will raise funds through advertising.

Merilee Lawson passed out information, and brought council up-to-date regarding the Webster-Davis House. She stated the log cabin attached to the west wing of the house was the main problem with the house move. The cabin is in very bad shape, and would disintegrate if it was moved. Ms. Lawson advised the commission could not guarantee the money, loaned to them by the city for the house move, would be paid back within three years. She further advised a final decision would be made on March 5 as to whether or not to move the house. Gary Schooley asked if the need to split the house would be eliminated. Ms. Lawson stated yes, so that will save some money. Councilperson Reid asked if there were any asbestos wrappings on the old furnace. Ms. Lawson stated she had not seen any. Mayor Weaver thanked Ms. Lawson for updating council on the Webster-Davis House.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Councilperson Bendall advised the Burning Ordinance Committee met and has proposed to ban all burning in the city. The only burning the ordinance would allow would be a two-foot diameter campfire in the back yard. The campfire hours would not be restricted, and only unprocessed wood would be allowed to burn. She further advised the committee has proposed that the city would contract with one refuse hauler for city wide service. This is being done in several communities in the area. She also advised there would be a per resident charge, and the charge would include recycling, refuse pickup, and yard waste pickup. The refuse hauler would pickup everything including refrigerators, furniture, etc. for no extra fee. Councilperson Reid asked if the city dump would close. Councilperson Bendall advised that would be the committee's recommendation. Councilperson Greiger stated this could cause the smaller companies to close. These companies may employ some of the people in this area, and these people could lose their jobs. Mayor Weaver asked if a presentation would be made at the first meeting in April. Ms. Hitchcock advised she would try to have it available at the meeting, but budgets are due at that time.

Councilperson Greiger advised council she would be late for the next two meetings due to a prior commitment.

Councilperson Reid advised Karen Hornus' letter of resignation was accepted with regret at the last Historical Commission meeting. He further advised the Fire Board voted to repair the brush buggy. Ms. Hitchcock asked what was wrong with the brush buggy.

Councilperson Reid advised the body mounts were rusted out. He further advised he toured the Waste Water Treatment Plant and was amazed at what is done there.

Councilperson Williams advised the Ambulance Board approved the Advanced Life Support with Lansing-Mason. He further advised the cost issue was being dealt with. The ALS unit monitors the ambulance frequency and responds to every call with the ambulance. If ALS is not needed, there will be no charge. Ms. Hitchcock asked if the protocols were in place. Councilperson Williams advised yes. He further advised Lansing-Mason has a one-year contract.

Councilperson Dumond advised the Airport Board meetings are being video taped due to the Hangers Association's lawsuit. He further advised there was a possibility the airport would get a \$35,000 grant from the state for improvements.

Ms. Hitchcock reminded council to sign the MDOT letters. She advised she received a response from MDOT in response to the letters. She further advised the meeting scheduled with them on March 23 has been changed to March 20. She encouraged council to attend the meeting.

ADJOURN: Reid moved, Bendall seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Dumond, Williams, Dvorak, Bendall, Reid, Greiger.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:34 p.m.

AVERY WEAVER, MAYOR

YVONNE F. LONG, CITY CLERK